

NEWS

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOBBYING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

By Andrea Thorpe, President, NHLA

This fall the NHLA lobbyist of several years, David Minnis decided to retire. Understanding the importance of tracking legislation important to libraries, the association retained Denis Parker of Parker Group (www.nhlobbyist.com) as our new lobbyist. Denis knows the state house well. Before becoming a lobbyist he was employed as the Executive Director of the State Employees Association (SEA). As such, he is very familiar with the state retirement system to which some of our members belong. He has worked with David Minnis for many years which promises an easy transition. Denis is excited about working for us. If you have any concerns about legislation that may affect you or your library please call me (863-3430 athorpe@newport.lib.nh.us) or Randy Brough in Laconia (524-4775 rbroughpl@metrocast.net). Randy is the association's legislative chair and serves as our liaison to our lobbyist.

Randy and I met with Denis to sign the contract in early January. At that time Denis asked us some questions about the manner in which we wanted to be represented other than in tracking legislation and sending updates to our liaison. That conversation made me think about the last time I spoke to my state representatives, senator and executive councilor. The very next day I was at a meeting sitting across the table from my state senator. After the meeting I went up to the senator and spoke to him about NHLA and how important certain state library services are to my library and library users. He is a supporter of libraries. He and his wife are very active in their local library. He also told me that libraries are sacred; however, he was not familiar with how we use EBSCO Host or how important the cataloging and van services were to his constituents. It made me realize that our representatives need to be educated about the effect our libraries have on their constituents. So, I am going to ask all of you to reach out to your state delegation. First, find out who they are. You can do that by going to <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ns/whosmyleg/> and entering the name of your town. Then, use the contact information you find there to invite them to every event at your library. Put them on your mailing lists. Don't forget to invite your city council members, selectmen, and town managers too! Remember, the personal touch is important. So meet and greet your elected officials. Let them know what your library is doing and that good library service is important to their constituents and that it depends on their support.

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NOMINATIONS FOR ANN GEISEL AWARD SOLICITED

By Rob Sargent, NHLA Past President, Franklin Public Library

The Ann Geisel Award of Merit is awarded to an individual, group, or organization that has made significant contributions to NHLA or to the New Hampshire library community. Through their efforts as library professionals, providing library services, or advocating for library issues, the recipients have improved all libraries in our state.

The first recipient of the award was Fran Wiggin of the Bedford Public Library in 2001. The second recipient was Sherm Pridham of the Portsmouth Public Library in 2003. Nominations for 2004 are being solicited now!

To nominate a deserving recipient, please submit a letter of nomination and two letters of support to Robert Sargent at the Franklin Public Library before July 31, 2004. Include in the letter of nomination a statement explaining why this individual or organization qualifies for this award. List specific activities and accomplishments. For individuals, also list memberships and offices held in professional organizations, and any honors received.

The award will be granted on the vote of the Executive Board based on candidates recommended unanimously by the Awards Committee. (If you are interested in serving on the Awards Committee, contact Rob Sargent.) The award will be presented at the annual business meeting at the fall conference.



Membership Renewal

By Marilyn Borgendale, NHLA Membership Chair, Hooksett Public Library

As the new year begins, it is time to renew your membership in NHLA. Last year, almost 350 of you recommitted to your state library association and more than 70 of you joined as new members. In addition, 62 of you are life members! Some of you, however, last paid dues in 2002.

A 2004 registration form is included in this newsletter, and the form is also available on the web site at <http://www.nh.gov/nhla/membershipform.pdf> I encourage you all to look carefully at the top of the form which lists many of the attributes and achievements of NHLA.

Take pride in your library association: participate in a committee, the programs and conferences, and the professional discussion on NHLA-L. And renew your membership.



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Continuing Education Report—Online Learning

By Stan Olson, Chair, NHLA Continuing Education Committee, Lane Memorial Library/ Hampton

NHLA members now have several new opportunities to extend their education and obtain professional credentials online.

DREXEL

First, the NHLA has entered a partnership with Drexel University that provides our members with a 20% tuition reduction for online graduate programs. Here is a message from Drexel describing the arrangement:

Dear NHLA friend,

As a respected member of the NHLA community, you know that furthering your education and professional development in the dynamic field of information science is essential. Now, you can further your academic education without compromising quality for convenience. As a member of the NHLA, you are now entitled to a 20% tuition reduction for several of Drexel University's online programs.

Designed for working professionals, Drexel University's online programs in information science and systems are highly interactive. Accredited by ALA, they follow the same, rigorous academic standards, are taught by the same, distinguished faculty who teach on campus, and lead to the same, respected Drexel degree.

Drexel University is ranked by US News & World Report as one of America's Best Colleges. Drexel ranks No. 1 in specialized programs in information systems and No. 9 in library and information science. Its online program in library & information science is ranked among the Best Online Graduate Programs. Contact Drexel at info@drexel.com, 877-215-0009 or visit www.elearningforlibrarians.net to learn more. We hope you'll take advantage of this great opportunity!

FLORIDA STATE

Also, the School of Information Studies at Florida State University has begun waiving out-of-state tuition for their accredited online graduate programs. The school offers a Master of Science degree and a Specialist degree in Library and Information Studies. With the waiver, the current cost of tuition and fees is approximately \$280 per credit hour.

Further information is available on their website at www.lis.fsu.edu/Prospects/Grads/ssd1_prospective_grad_intro.cfm

Finally, make sure to visit the NHLA website - www.state.nh.us/nhla - for information on other sources of educational support, including the Adam & Jane McDonald Mini-Money Grants, the Rosalie Norris Scholarship, and the F. Mabel Winchell Loan Fund.



Get Involved ...

The Membership Committee is seeking members for the committee. Much of the work is maintaining the membership database and the NHLA-L list. We also offer an orientation program at the spring conference for new members. Please contact Marilyn Borgendale mborg@gmilcs.org or 485-4286 if you might be interested.

LAWYERS FOR LIBRARIES

By Jonathan Kelly, Office of Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association

Dear Friends:

The American Library Association will be sponsoring our fifth regional Lawyers for Libraries seminar on May 6-7, 2004, in Boston. Be a part of this tremendous opportunity for attorneys, trustees, and librarians to get the most in-depth, up-to-date, and vital information on the legal issues facing libraries today!

Lawyers for Libraries has been called "superb," "extremely informative," and "captivating" by recent attendees. Attendees learn from and can speak one-on-one with instructors who are among the nation's foremost experts in the field of First Amendment library law. The training institute is an excellent opportunity to prepare your library for as-yet unseen challenges and to minimize potential liability.

Among the topics addressed include the USA Patriot Act, CIPA & Internet filtering, privacy policies, meeting room and exhibit policies, and book/materials challenges. CLE credit is available for attendees.

To register for Lawyers for Libraries/Boston or for more information, please contact Jonathan Kelley at 800-545-2433 x4226 or email jkelley@ala.org. You may also register online at www.ala.org/lawyers; schedule, lodging, CLE, instructors, and curriculum information can be found there as well. The cost to attend is \$500 per person, which includes the reception and dinner on Thursday and breakfast, lunch, and snacks on Friday.

If you are an attorney or Trustee, I hope you will consider joining us in May in beautiful Boston. If you are a librarian, please pass this on to an attorney you work with - or would like to work with - and suggest they accompany you to the institute.

And please, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me!

Jonathan Kelley

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Submit your NHLA Newsletter articles to:

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FUTURE PRINT ISSUES OF THE NHLA NEWS ...

This year's Winter and Summer issues of the NHLA News will be the last to be mailed out in print. After this year, all future issues will be electronic only. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter in a print format, you need to respond. Please call or email Rebecca Clerkin at 772-1194 x342 or rclerkin@nhctc.edu. You may also fill out the information below and mail it back.



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programs

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...supports the ALA principles of Intellectual Freedom
...allows for reduced conference/workshop registration fees
...offers Spring and Fall NHLA conferences
...fosters dialog among members via the NHLA -L online
discussion group

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Marilyn Borgendale, Membership, GMILCS, c/o Hooksett Public Library, 1701B Hooksett Road, Hooksett NH 03106

NHLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2004

Membership is for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31, 2004

Name: _____ Renewal _____ New _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Library: _____ Position/Title: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email: _____

Membership Level

Friends, Trustees, Students	\$10 _____
Retired/unemployed librarians	\$10 _____
Salary under \$5,000	\$10 _____
Salary \$5,000 - \$14,999	\$15 _____
Salary \$15,000 - \$24,999	\$25 _____
Salary \$25,000 - \$34,999	\$40 _____
Salary \$35,000 - \$50,000	\$50 _____
Salary over \$50,000	\$65 _____
Corporate member	\$100 _____
Life member*	\$1000 _____

*earmarked for F. Mabel Winchell Scholarship Fund

NHLA SECTIONS

NHLA Membership required
Indicate the section you wish to join

ACADEMIC	\$0 _____
CHILIS	\$5 _____
READS	\$5 _____
SMALL LIBRARIES	\$0 _____
URBANS (Institutional)	\$25 _____

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